

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Feb. 28 – Mar. 4, 2011
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Deaf actress who founded Onyx Theatre Company in New York City, the first deaf theater company in the United States for people of color.

- a. Rosa Lee Timm
- b. CJ Jones
- c. Michelle Banks
- d. Shanny Mow

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Answer: “c” Michelle Banks - After Michelle received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama Studies from the State University of New York at Purchase, she founded Onyx Theatre Company in New York City, the first deaf theater company in the United States for people of color. Her work with Onyx for eleven years earned the Cultural Enrichment Award from Gallaudet University and the

Distinguished Service Award from New York Deaf Theatre. Her other achievements include Sign Master for Arena Stage, Broadway, and Centerstage, Outstanding Achievement Recognition Resolution of 1996 from the Council of the District of Columbia, an Individual Achievement Award from the National Council on Communicative Disorders, and a featured article in the February 1998 issue of *ESSENCE* magazine. (Quoted from:

<http://www.michellebanks.com/html/biography.htm>

Visit Michelle's Official Website: <http://www.michellebanks.com/html/index.htm>

View some of Michelle's works: <http://www.michellebanks.com/html/videos.htm>

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